(ii) All cable TV operators should be licenced and no cable TV operator should be directed to set up cable TV network in any Group Housing, Co-operative Housing Society etc. except after prior approval of the competent authority;

(ii) Cable TV operators should be required to give an undertaking that in case they show the unauthorised or pirated cassettes on their network their licences would be immediately cancelled/suspended in addition to any of the other liabilities accruing under the law.

These recommendations are being examined by the Committee constituted to study the various aspects of the cable TV network and antenna system in the country.

Border disputes between states

*209. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the long-pending border disputes between Assam-Nagaland, Assam-Arunachal Pradesh and Assam-Meghalaya; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to settle these disputes?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Government have been of the view that such disputes can be settled by the State Governments concerned through discussions and in a spirit of goodwill and mutual cooperation. The Central Government have been willing to make available their good offices to the States for this purpose.

Meanwhile, the Government of Assam have taken the disputes between them and the Governments of Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh to the Supreme Court where they are presently pending.

Subsidies provided to J&K

*210. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total amount that had been spent by Government for providing various subsidies to Jammu and Kashmir from April 1, 1948 till March 31, 1989;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article that appeared in 'India Today' dated April 30, 1990 to the effect that Rs. 70,000/- crores in subsidies have been provided to Jammu and Kashmir; apart from the blood of Indian soldiers;

(c) whether the National Flag and Emblem Act, 1953 is applicable to Jammu and Kashmir;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the number of instances of the violation of the above Act brought to the notice of Government during 1988-89 and 1989-90; and

(f) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) and (b) Information is being collected. Sacrifices made by the Indian soldiers and others, including people of Jammu & Kashmir, in defending the country's territorial integrity are well-known.

(c) The Emblem and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950 and the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 are applicable throughout the country.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) Action under the Acts mentioned at (c) above is taken by the State Government concerned, and a report from the Government of Jammu & Kashmir is being obtained.

Fire safety position in Vigyan Bhavan

*211. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vigyan Bhavan building was visited only a few days before the outbreak of fire by the fire authorities; if so, what were their observations;

(b) whether Vigyan Bhavan was declared unsafe from fire point of view and the requisite arrangements were lacking in this regard; and

(c) the names and details of the Government buildings in Delhi which are not safe in case of fire?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) On 13.4.1990, a team of Delhi Fire Service officers visited Vigyan Bhawan and checked the fire protection arrangements in Hall 'G' where a Conference was to held from April, 16. They suggested the provision of portable extinguishers, emergency light, etc

(b) No, Sir. However, in 1987, certain deficiencies in fire prevention and fire safety measures in Vigyan Bhawan, according to revised norms, were brought to the notice of CPWD by Delhi Fire Service.

(c) A list of 79 high-rise buildings belonging to Central Government/ Local Bodies which are not fully safe from fire point of view is enclosed. [*See* Appendix XLIV, Annexure 46]

Steps to check communal riots in the country

*212. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAM RAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that fundamentalists and religious fanatics are creating a vicious atmosphere which may result in communal riots in the country; and

(b) if so, whether the recent riots in Ahmedabad and the potentialities of riots in Uttar Pradesh on the Babri Masjid issue have been taken care of and if so, what steps are proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) and (b) There have been some attempts by some fundamentalist and revivalist elements to create communal tensions. The Government is of the view that strict steps should continue to be taken by the State Governments to maintain law and order. The Government is also of the considered opinion that a broad-based national consensus should be built to counter the problem of communalism.

All necessary help and assistance will continue to be provided to the concerned States whenever required. The Government is determined to foil the mischievous designs of the communal and divisive forces.

*213. [*Transferred to 28th May, 1990*]

Plight of J&K migrants

*214. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report in the Hindustan Times, dated 10th April, 1990 about young Kashmiri migrants who have stated that they were jobless and oustees from their homes—all because they belonged to a particular community and had always stood for